EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR MADAGASCAR

1. The fourth country programme for Madagascar was approved by the Governing Council at its thirty-fourth session (1987) for the period 1987-1991. A mid-term review carried out in May 1989 helped to focus the initial objectives of the programme more sharply. The fifth country programme was to commence in January 1992. However, following civil disturbances in 1991, an interim Government was established in late December 1991 to manage the transition to a full-fledged democracy, including the preparation and promulgation of a new constitution. In view of these developments, the Government has requested that the fourth country programme be extended for one year.

2. During the extension, the main objectives of the fourth programme will remain valid. They are: (a) strengthening planning and economic management capability; (b) the environmental sustainability programme; (c) the promotion of small private enterprises; and (d) support to the social action programme. The Government expects to submit the fifth country programme to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

3. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Madagascar for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.